

# The South Asia Book Award: Fostering Partnerships between NRCs and K-12 Educators

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# Goals of the South Asia Book Award (SABA)

- Seeks books which “accurately and skillfully portray South Asia or South Asians in the diasporas, that is the experience of individuals living in South Asia, or of South Asians living in other parts of the world.”
- To provide teachers and librarians with recommendations and resources for classroom use to better integrate South Asia into the curriculum
- [www.southasiabookaward.org](http://www.southasiabookaward.org)

# South Asia National Outreach Consortium (SANOC)

- To enhance K-16 Outreach Programming through collaboration among the South Asia NRCs
- Started in 2003; formally established in 2009 to address the NRC Invitational Priority 1 for the 2010-2013 grant cycle
- SANOC has worked to amplify the efforts of individual Centers

# Member Outreach Programs

- [Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison](#)
- [South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin](#)
- [South Asia Center, Syracuse University](#)
- [South Asia Program, Cornell University](#)
- [South Asia Center, University of Washington](#)
- [South Asia Institute, Columbia University](#)
- [Center for South Asia Studies, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor](#)
- [South Asia Studies, University of Pennsylvania](#)
- [South Asian Studies Council, Yale University](#)

# K-16 Outreach Impact

- Committee as boosters
- Presentations at local, regional and national conferences
  - NCSS 2015
  - ALA Mid Winter Conference 2016
  - NCTE 2016
- Between 2012-2015, **1700 students** and **183 educators** reached through classroom visits and workshops

# K-16 Outreach Impact

- Creation of lesson plans, available on website
  - Over 800 views of the page this year
- “Exploring South Asia through Children’s and YA Literature”
  - Online course through School of Library and Information Studies at UW-Madison
  - 2015: 10 librarians; 2 teachers
  - Being offered again in Spring 2016

# Lessons Learned

- Has facilitated collaboration between Centers on SABA and non-SABA related matters
- Good working relationships around budgeting and planning with a core group of outreach coordinators at the member Centers
- However, not all the centers have been equally involved
- Priorities at individual centers (and staff changes) can make continuity difficult

# Next Steps

- Selection of the 2017 Award winners!
  - Will be announced in April/May 2017
- Bring more NRC partners to the table
- Increase our collaboration with other Area Studies book awards
- Continue to grow our national presence



# SABA Award Ceremony

- Friday, December 2
- Providence Community Center, Fairfax VA
- 6:30 pm